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of Economic Advisers, in place of Mr. Otto Eckstein.

The hearing will be held in room 5302, New Senate Office Building. The nominee will be present. Any persons who wish to testify or to submit a report should write or telephone Mr. Matthew Hale, chief of staff, Senate Banking and Currency Committee, 5300 New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., CA 5-3921.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Hackney, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House had passed, without amendment, the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 125) extending the date for transmission of the Economic Report.

ADDRESSES, EDITORIALS, ARTICLES, ETC., PRINTED IN THE APPENDIX

On request, and by unanimous consent, addresses, editorials, articles, etc., were ordered to be printed in the Appendix, as follows:

By Mr. JAVITS:

Statement by him on the Brooklyn Public Library preschool program.

Article entitled "School of the Arts Established To Foster Creativity, Offer Professional Training," published in the New York University Alumni News of December 1965.

By Mr. KUCHEL:

An article entitled "Job Corpsman's Mother Writes Christmas Letter," published in the Trinity Weekly Journal of Weaverville, Calif., on December 23, 1965.

By Mr. CASE:

Telegram sent by him on the occasion of the testimonial dinner to the Honorable Julius Foster, Jr., and a press release in connection therewith.

ATTACK ON HON. J. EDGAR HOOVER

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, I had intended, during the morning hour on last Friday, to discuss this subject, and to put in the Record a letter dealing with it. However, I was not on the floor when the Senate suddenly adjourned and I did not reach the Chamber quite in time.

The information contained in the letter did leak out in some way, however. For the Record I wish to do now what I had intended to do last Friday.

About 10 days ago, I received a scurrilous anonymous letter, mailed from Baltimore, alleged to contain a photostatic copy of a letter which was alleged by the writer of the anonymous letter to have been written by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to Walter Jenkins.

The alleged photostatic copy of the letter is so scurrilous and putrid that I do not intend to put it in the Record.

I sent the anonymous letter to Mr. Hoover, for his information and for whatever aid and assistance it might be.

Mr. Hoover wrote me a letter, stating that he had received the anonymous letter with the alleged copy of a letter which he was supposed to have written, according to the anonymous letter.

He states categorically that he never wrote such a letter. For the information of Senators who are present, perhaps I should read the letter into the Record, instead of merely putting it in the Record.

The letter is dated January 11, 1966, and reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
Washington, D.C., January 11, 1966.

Hon. BOURKE B. HICKENLOOPER,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is to acknowledge your request for the complete facts as known to this Bureau concerning the anonymous letter you received containing what purports to be a copy of a personal letter to former White House aid Walter Jenkins over my signature.

I am pleased to comply with your request and will begin first by stating without any equivocation that I never wrote such a letter.

The letter you received is one of many anonymous mailings sent to various Senators, Congressmen, and other prominent Government officials within the past week. They are part of a concerted Communist smear campaign which was launched a year ago.

The campaign began in January 1965, when several letters of this type were received by individuals who also brought them to my attention. Several more were brought to my attention by individuals who received them in April 1965.

Upon examination, the copy of the letter supposedly signed by me was determined to be a crude forgery. Comparison of all the letters disclosed they had all been prepared by the same person or persons. Further comparison with other letters circulated in the past in this and other countries by the Soviet Disinformation Department proved irrefutably that this was a Communist scheme.

You may recall that the nefarious schemes of the Soviet Disinformation Department were exposed in a report prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency last year. The details of that Agency's study were printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of September 28, 1965.

The study revealed that the Soviet Disinformation Department of the KGB, the Soviet Committee for State Security, wages a broad-scaled propaganda offensive against U.S. agencies and pointed out that I and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are priority targets for attacks. It also disclosed that the overall objective is to discredit U.S. agencies here and abroad and emphasized that a preferred instrument used by the Soviets in their attacks is the forged document.

Typical of the tactics used in such efforts was the circulation of letters in South America in the summer of 1964. In that case, too, my name had been forged on the letters. They were designed to make it appear that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency had something to do with the Brazilian revolution of April 1964. The intricacies of that Communist scheme became further apparent when we determined that my signature has been forged from a letter stolen by Cubans in Havana in 1960.

I trust that in making these facts available to you I have satisfied any and all questions which the scurrilous anonymous communication you received may have raised. If not, do not hesitate to call on me again.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to you for bringing the letter to my attention. It provided another link in the chain of evidence being put together

to complete the picture of this Soviet smear campaign, which amounts to character assassination.

Sincerely yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time of the Senator from Iowa has expired.

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I may proceed for 1 additional minute.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HICKENLOOPER. Let me conclude by saying, with respect to the suggestion in Mr. Hoover's letter that I might have some question about this matter, that the letter was so crude and so scurrilous that on its face it was a forgery. At no time have I had any question as to the truth or falsity of the letter. It is false on its face. I merely wish to clear the matter up so that all may know that these things are constantly going on as attacks are made against our law enforcement agencies.

VISIT TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

Mr. AIKEN. Mr. President, I should like to supplement briefly the remarks which have been made by the distinguished majority leader, the Senator from Montana (Mr. MANSFIELD).

Let me say, first, that the mission which was undertaken under the leadership of the Senator from Montana met with courtesy and hospitality everywhere the group went, even where the country visited took exception to our position in southeast Asia.

The Senator from Montana is greatly respected around the world. This was quite apparent, previous to our call at Cambodia. When the announcement of our coming was made, the Senator from Montana was described as "a man of great justice."

As I have stated, we had been hospitably received everywhere, but I believe that all of us were unprepared for the wrath of the reception which we received in Cambodia, the government of which is headed by Prime Minister Sihanouk, who relinquished a kingdom to take a position which he felt would be more helpful to his people.

Prime Minister Sihanouk did not mention some of the complaints which have been attributed to him in reports which have been spread around the world. He is more concerned over trespassing on the area of Cambodia by others. If there is trespassing, I would say that it probably is not confined to one side of the South Vietnamese controversy. Any such trespassing, I would presume, is done without the consent of the Government of Cambodia.

As the Senator from Montana has stated, Prime Minister Sihanouk has requested that the International Control Commission do what it can to control the situation and to enforce respect for the boundaries of his country.

Prime Minister Sihanouk has also requested inspection by others of the situation and has asked that his government that the country harbors